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For: ETHERNET UNITS ADAPTED FOR LOOP CONFIGURATION AND  
METHOD OF OPERATING SAME

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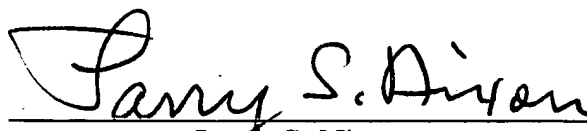
Applicant filed a formal priority claim (under 35 U.S.C. §119) together with a certified copy of the priority document on May 10, 2000. A copy of the transmittal letter is attached together with a copy of the USPTO postcard receipt verifying receipt of same.

However this fact has not been acknowledged (either in the office action of 0517/2005 now in the Notice of Allowability dated 09/07/2005). Accordingly, such written confirmation is now urgently requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this application be given the benefit of the foreign filing date under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119 of the following, a certified copy of which is submitted herewith:

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REQUEST FOR THE GRANT OF A PATENT

THE GRANT OF A PATENT IS REQUESTED BY THE UNDERSIGNED ON THE BASIS OF  
THE PRESENT APPLICATION

- 1 Title of invention: ETHERNET UNITS ADAPTED FOR LOOP CONFIGURATION  
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- 2 Applicant's details

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- 4 Agent's reference: 105085
- 5 The application claims an earlier date under Section 8(3), 12(6)  
15(4) or 37(4): NO  
Earlier application or patent number: not applicable